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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims ~~1-42~~, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

--43. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to a polypeptide

selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 180 of SEQ ID NO:1,
 - (b) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 21 to 180 of SEQ ID NO:1,
 - (c) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3, and
 - (d) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3.

44. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 43 which comprises a polypeptide consisting of amino